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1. Chinese Communists are producing raw opium from poppies grown in the hilly area near the town of Lungkang (7126-10,42-13). The 56 acres under cultivation yield approximately 10 kilograms of raw opium per acre. The seeds are planted early in May and the crop is harvested in August. The fields, first planted in May 1946, were taken over by the Chinese Communists in May 1947.
2. Production is under the supervision of the 4 Military Sub-district of the Liaotung Military District. There are over one hundred persons employed, including Chinese Communist soldiers of the production unit of the 4 Sub-district, a number of Koreans and five Japanese.

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